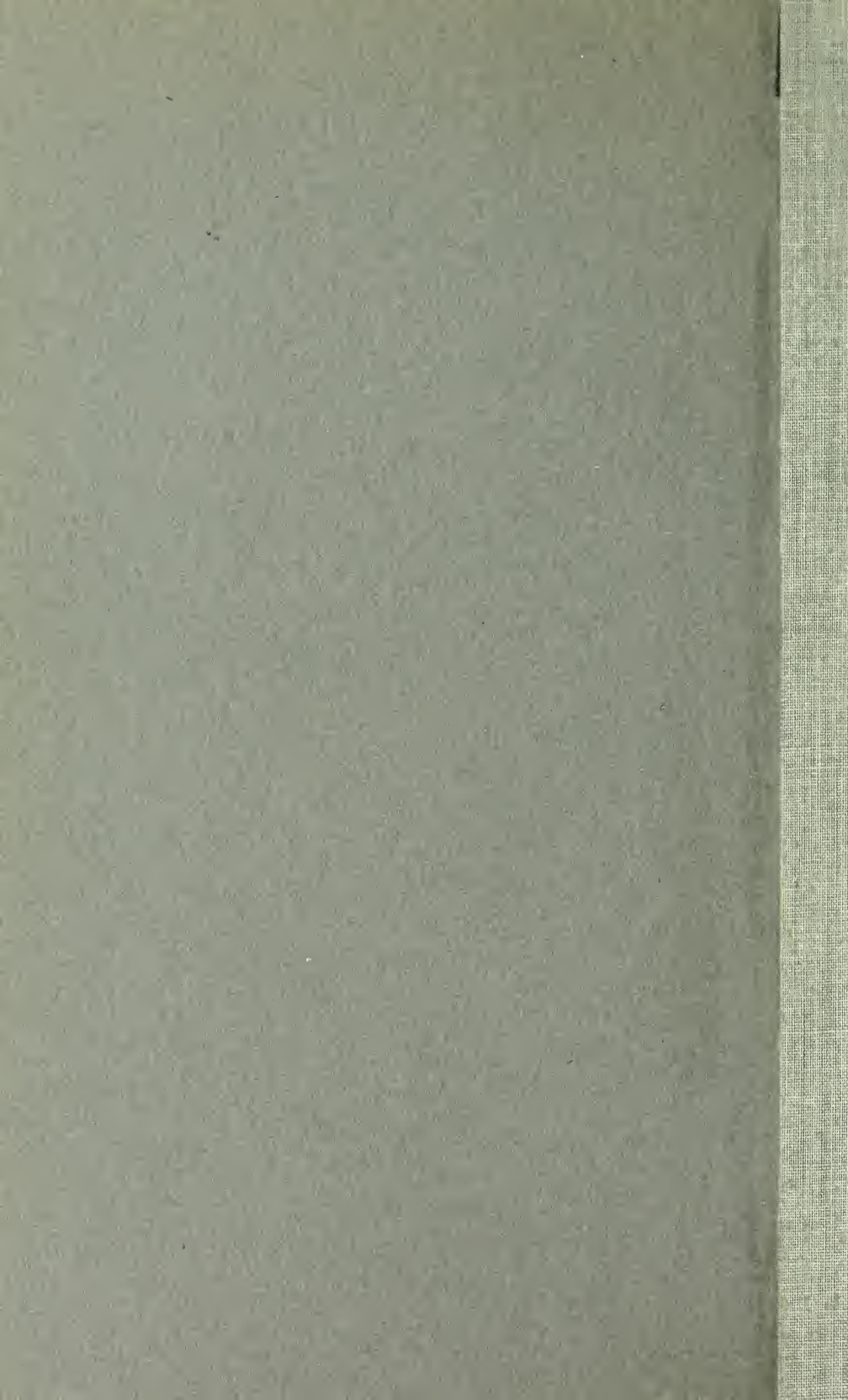


22d Annual Report of
The Childrens Home
Society 1924

362.706
C536a



"Florida's Greatest Charity"



2.706

6a

22nd
Annual Report
The CHILDRENS HOME SOCIETY
of FLORIDA
1924

\$

Practically
Forty Thousand Dollars

was left our Society last year through
special gifts and bequests by nineteen
different Florida men and women—

UNIVERSITY
OF FLORIDA
LIBRARY



Ti

ence

Cl

ida

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

How about it—Have you remembered us in your will?

\$



Florida's Greatest Charity"

*This little darling
is just one of the
1,458 little orphan,
homeless and needy
little Florida chil-
dren that received
the aid and care of
"Florida's Greatest
Charity" last year.
Isn't she a dear?*

Being the
Twenty-second
Annual Report

of the

Children's Home
Society of Florida



STATE HEADQUARTERS 428 St. James Building, Jacksonville, Florida
WEST FLORIDA BRANCH Seventh Avenue and Jordan Street, Pensacola, Florida
STATE RECEIVING HOME AND COTTAGES, 1904-18-14-2002 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla.
SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH (in organization) Miami, Fla.



Giving

HERE is something about this thing of giving that blesses us.

No man has ever impoverished himself by giving. It cannot be done. Those who give most, have most left.

I believe that every one who gives a penny will get it back a hundredfold. I believe that every one who dries a tear with his assistance, will be spared the shedding of a thousand tears. Give—and somewhere, from out of the clouds or from the sacred depth of human hearts, a melody divine will reach your ears, and gladden all your days upon the earth.”—SELECTED.



The Superintendent's Report

*To the Officers, Directors, Ladies' Auxiliary, Contributors, and friends of
The Children's Home Society of Florida—
"Florida's Child Sanctuary"*

A good friend of our Society and its constantly growing work for the needy children of Florida suggested recently that our Society should be called "Florida's Child Sanctuary", as we undoubtedly provided shelter for and gave protection to more children than all the other Children's Agencies, Orphanages and Homes in the entire State.

I felt quite complimented, for when one stops to think of what a Sanctuary is, as described in Webster's Dictionary, *i. e.*, "A sacred and inviolable place of refuge and protection", it is fine to feel that anyone should think of our Society as being a "sacred and inviolable place of refuge and protection", and the finest part of it all is that, that is exactly what our Society for years has aimed to be, and I feel that we can truthfully say, we have been and are, for our whole work is done as we would perform a sacred trust, and we surely have given the utmost protection to the thousands of little ones in this great State that have come under our care, and have been a real refuge to every little child in need.

Let us think of our Society then as "Florida's Child Sanctuary", a "sacred and inviolable place of refuge and protection".

Our Record of Service for 1924

Exactly fourteen hundred and fifty-eight little children, from wee babes on up, from every section of Florida, have been given the aid, care, protection and careful supervision of our Society during the past year of 1924, this being the largest number of children that have ever been referred to us for aid in any one year in our twenty-two years of service to the childhood of our State; the total number in 1923 being 1,298.

This increase in the number of children cared for is accounted for in the large increase in population all over the State, and the fact that more and more our courts are removing children from homes of utter hopelessness, and asking our Society to give such little ones the opportunity in life that God intended each and every child to have.

As the population of Florida increases by leaps and bounds as it is doing, our Society must expect to either be prepared to look after the needs of a larger number of children year by year, or there must be other agencies organized to meet the need, for with every ten thousand new persons added to the population, death, desertion, vice, crime, disease, abuse, cruelty, separation of parents, neglect, ignorance and degradation will play their



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

part in bringing more little children into homelessness, distress and need. We cannot expect to only have the favorable things of life come to us, as people from all over the world crowd through our gates, for as the Bible says, "The poor ye shall have with you always", and we may add, not only the poor, but the depraved, the diseased, the ignorant, the neglectful, etc.

Following is a detailed statement of the total children referred for aid, the causes of their coming, and the services rendered. We hope as the figures are read that you will try to visualize the little children cared for, for unless you translate these figures into little living souls, our record of service will seem very unimportant.

Service Report—1,458 Children Aided

Good Homes, Hospital Care, Special Training, Boarding Home care, Special Relief, aid, care and attention have been provided for 1,458 little Florida children in need during the past year. We started the year with a family of 58 children in our State Receiving Home in Jacksonville; 26 in our West Florida Branch at Pensacola; 2 in Special Hospitals; 45 older girls and boys in Special Training Schools; 30 in Family Boarding Homes, and 279 children under supervision in carefully selected permanent family homes in all parts of the State, making a total of 440 children.

During the year we added 1,018 to the number, making a total of 1,458 children, making up our family of youngsters who were served during the past year. Of this number:

- 87 were placed in carefully selected Family Homes for love, care and education.
- 36 were placed in carefully selected Family Homes with relatives for love, care and education.
- 22 were replaced in carefully selected Family Homes.
- 3 were replaced the second time in carefully selected Family Homes.
- 3 were replaced the third time in carefully selected Family Homes.
- 8 were replaced with relatives.
- 159 Placements for permanent care.
- 110 were placed in carefully selected Family Boarding Homes for widowed mothers, etc.
- 52 were referred to carefully selected Family Boarding Homes for widowed mothers, etc.
- 13 older children were sent to Special Training Schools in and out of Florida.
- 10 older children were referred to Special Training Schools in and out of Florida.
- 70 were given special aid, advice, guidance, direction in plans, etc.
- 14 were given special transportation and other relief.
- 183 were involved in investigations for other Social Agencies in and out of Florida.
- 84 were referred to other Agencies, Hospitals, Institutions for relief, care of defectives, etc.
- 7 were referred to maternity homes out of the State for special care.
- 9 were referred to Special Hospitals for crippled children and others.
- 48 were referred to Juvenile Courts to prevent and stop cruelty, abuse, etc.
- 65 were given temporary care while mothers were in Hospital, etc.
- 14 delinquent children were committed to State Industrial Schools.
- 10 defective children were committed to Florida Farm Colony for feeble-minded.
- 2 were given scholarships in Business Colleges.
- 2 older boys were sent to Boys' Home Association.
- 3 children were placed through relatives in St. Mary's Home.
- 3 were helped through special legal aid.
- 119 were left on hand in the Jacksonville and Pensacola Receiving Homes.
- 1 was left on hand in a Special Hospital.
- 68 were left on hand in Family Boarding Homes.
- 53 were left on hand in Special Schools.
- 359 were left on hand under supervision in Family Homes for adoption.
- 1,458 total children receiving aid, care and attention.

The Children's Home Society of Florida



Of the 1,018 new children, the children came under our care as follows:

January 84, February 98, March 68, April 81, May 80, June 79, July 114, August 99, September 88, October 86, November 66, December 75, total 1,018.

The causes which brought the 1,018 new children under our care and attention were as follows:

Death of father.....	89	Crime of father.....	14
Death of mother.....	133	Crime of mother.....	7
Death of both parents.....	29	Crime of both parents.....	0
Total death.....	251	Total Crime.....	21
Illness of father.....	7	Cruelty and abuse of father.....	0
Illness of mother.....	13	Cruelty and abuse of mother.....	3
Illness of both parents.....	2	Cruelty and abuse of both parents.....	15
Illness of children.....	5	Cruelty and abuse of stepmother.....	1
Total Illness.....	27	Cruelty and abuse of foster parents.....	4
Immorality of father.....	20	Cruelty and abuse of uncle.....	1
Immorality of mother.....	60	Total cruelty and abuse.....	24
Immorality of both parents.....	18	Neglect of father.....	17
Immorality of stepfather.....	3	Neglect of mother.....	12
Immorality of guardian.....	2	Neglect of both parents.....	59
Total Immorality.....	103	Neglect of stepfather.....	2
Feeble-mindedness of father.....	0	Total neglect.....	90
Feeble-mindedness of mother.....	3	Crippled children.....	7
Feeble-mindedness of both parents.....	5	Illegitimacy.....	24
Feeble-mindedness of children.....	5	Delinquent boys.....	8
Total feeble-mindedness.....	13	Delinquent girls.....	34
Insanity of father.....	0	Total delinquency.....	42
Insanity of mother.....	3	Dope fiends.....	3
Insanity of both parents.....	0	Maternity cases.....	6
Total insanity.....	3	Non-support.....	3
Separation of parents.....	206	Drunkenness.....	7
Desertion of father.....	47	Defective children.....	11
Desertion of mother.....	12	Killed.....	1
Desertion of both parents.....	22	Ran away.....	1
Total desertion.....	81	Blind children.....	1
		Other causes.....	93
		Total.....	1,018

The 1,018 new children were reported to the Society for aid as follows:

By Juvenile and County Courts.....	487
By Social Agencies in Florida.....	68
By Social Agencies out of Florida.....	93
By State Officials.....	5
By Schools and Churches.....	12
By Woman's and other Clubs.....	6
By Individuals.....	347
Total.....	1,018

Of the 1,018 new children, 529 were girls, 489 were boys.

120 were babies under two years of age.
 181 were children from two to four years of age.
 151 were children from four to six years of age.
 212 were children from seven to ten years of age.
 158 were children from eleven to fourteen years of age.
 183 were children over fourteen.
 13 were children whose ages were not given.

1,018 Total.



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

Of the total number of children cared for in 1924:

158 were committed as legal wards in 1924.
 157 were committed as legal wards in previous years.

 315 total legal wards.

The 1,018 new children were reported to us from, as follows:

106 from 31 cities outside of Florida in 17 states and 2 Foreign Countries.
 598 from 124 cities in every section of Florida.
 314 from Duval County.

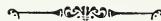
 1,018 Total.

119 children were handled through the West Florida Branch at Pensacola.

We start the year of 1925 with exactly 600 children under our care and supervision as follows:

In Jacksonville and Pensacola Receiving Homes.....	119
In Hospitals.....	1
In Family Boarding Homes to aid widowed mothers, etc.....	68
In Special Training Schools in and out of Florida.....	53
Under supervision in permanent Family Homes.....	359
<hr/> Total.....	<hr/> 600

Just what the results of the service rendered to each of these 1,458 little children will be, none of us can possibly measure, but we can at least have the satisfaction of knowing that we have diligently tried to meet the needs of each and every child; we have turned tears into smiles, we have turned grief into joy, we have turned aching hearts into gladness, we have turned illness into health, we have lifted little crippled bodies out of their infirmities into active usefulness, we have placed the orphans into the arms and hearts of tender mothers and fathers, we have placed the homeless into carefully selected family homes, we have relieved the abused, the afflicted, the neglected, the deserted, the abandoned, of their sad plight, and filled many little lives that have come to us from utter hopelessness with futures of hope and promise. We have brought knowledge to the ignorant, and in every case we have tried our level best to give to each little child loving care and direct them into paths of happiness, comfort, education and usefulness. Who can measure what our services will mean in the days to come? Certainly we have saved many from lives of poverty, ignorance, crime, vice, disease and from being a menace to themselves and to the State, and last but not least, who can measure the joy and happiness that some of these little homeless tots have brought into childless homes, into hearts of mothers that were aching voids, into homes where the laughter of little children had been yearned for and never heard. Yes, I honestly believe that it has all been worthwhile, don't you?

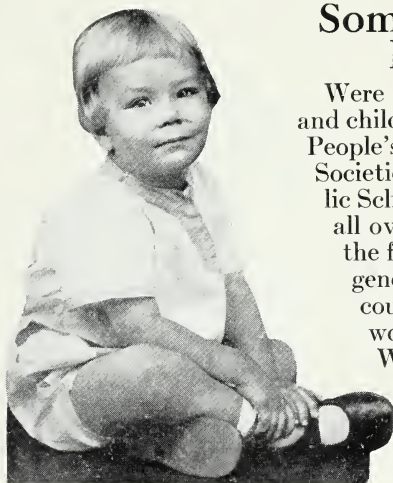


"He who helps a child, helps Humanity with a distinctiveness and an immediateness which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of their human life can possibly give again." —PHILLIPS BROOKS.

"The carefully selected Foster Home is for the normal child the best substitute for the Natural Home."

"Home life is the finest product of civilization."

—WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE REPORT.



*Sweet enough for any Home in
Florida—One of the 1,458*

Some Things That Others Have Done For Us

Were it not for the thousands of men, women and children, the scores of lodges, churches, young People's Societies, Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies, Business Firms, Sunday Schools, Public Schools, Civic Clubs and other organizations all over the State, who have sent in the funds, the food, clothing and other articles, in such a generous way all through the past years, of course our great record of service for 1924 would not and could not have been possible.

We pause then here and now to say a great Big Thank You to every source of help and encouragement, for without all these friends and all these various forms of help, we would have had to withhold our aid from needy children, and our service would not have amounted to anything. Thanks,

then a thousand times, yea ten thousand, for all that has been done for our Society and the little ones for whom we live to serve.

Our Receipts Show a Wonderful Increase Over 1923

Again we are delighted to be able to report that our friends everywhere through the State, have been more generous in their support of our work than in any previous year, our receipts for the past year exceeding those of any previous year, in spite of the fact that the Citrus Crop prices in 1924 were not at all favorable, and there were many other unfavorable factors, that we could have used as unquestioned alibis, if our receipts had been less than in previous years.

We refer you to the report of the Treasurer for a detailed, audited account of all receipts and expenditures, for no organization anywhere is more careful in its book-keeping and business-like administration than our Society is and has been throughout the years. We rejoice in some of the largest contributions that we have ever received, but we are equally appreciative of the widow's mite, the school child's pennies, the laboring man's sacrificial gift, for after all it takes all of these to give to our work the democratic and state-wide support that we can so proudly boast of. There were four months during the summer and early fall when we had a deficit of over \$8,000.00, but our November and December contributions wiped this all out, we are glad to say.

Among Our Larger Contributors

The following are a few of the friends who believe in our work sufficiently to be willing to trust us with the use of their funds in a large way; the largest individual contributors being Mr. Barton L. Peck, of Palatka,



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

who sent us \$1,000.00 last January, and Mr. Albert Culbertson, of St. Petersburg, sent us \$1,000.00 in March; other large contributors being:

Escambia County, Pensacola	\$750.00
Louis Burgess, Miami	700.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Winters, West Palm Beach	700.00
Board of County Commissioners, Bartow	600.00
Frederick H. Rand, Jr., Miami	600.00
Irving J. Thomas, Coconut Grove	500.00
Jacksonville Clearing Ass'n, Jacksonville	400.00
City of Pensacola	390.00
Mrs. M. L. Stanley, Daytona	325.00
A. H. Ramsey & Sons, Miami	353.25
Benefit Card Party, West Palm Beach	275.00
A. B. Curry, Miami	250.00
Seventh Day Adventists' Church, Tampa	250.00
Mucklow & Ford, In Service, Jacksonville	213.42
Friends in Hollywood, Hollywood	203.00
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. O. Applegate, Jr., Miami	200.00
Louis S. Clarke, Palm Beach	200.00
Jacob E. Cohen, Jacksonville	200.00
Mrs. Lily M. Jackson, Eustis	200.00
Col. Geo. C. Johnston, Orlando	200.00
Mrs. Maude S. Kinmouth, Daytona	200.00
Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., West Palm Beach	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. Josiah K. Lilly, Arlington.. . . .	200.00
Mrs. Helen H. Morse, Winter Park	200.00
Carl Holmer, Jr., Miami	185.00
Mrs. Carrie F. Conrad, DeLand	175.00
The Miami Herald (free adv.), Miami	172.48
First Avenue M. E. Sunday School, St. Petersburg	172.00
Rotary Club of West Palm Beach	159.95
Chas. W. Hill, Miami	156.89
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lewis, Tallahassee	150.00
Mrs. H. S. McIlwain, Pensacola	150.00
Franklin J. Mason, Inc., St. Petersburg	150.00
Miss Margaret Sulzner, Miami	150.00
The Newport Co., Pensacola	140.00
Studebaker Agency, Miami	135.00
Sorosis Club, Lakeland	133.65
W. M. Burdine's Sons, Miami	125.00
John E. Harris, Ft. Pierce	125.00
E. A. Inglis, Miami	125.00
Mrs. Edward A. Roberts, Lexington, Ky.	120.00
The Tamiami Sunday School, Miami	118.59
Rotary Club, St. Petersburg	115.00
Geo. N. Lippett, St. Petersburg	110.00
C. G. Memminger, Asheville, N. C.	110.00
Woman's Club, Ocala	109.00
Presbyterian Sunday School, Eustis	107.20
John Copeland, St. Petersburg	105.00
Tag Day, Plant City	102.02
A Friend, Tampa	100.00
N. M. Alexander, Beresford	100.00
American Legion, Miami	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Austin, Ft. Pierce	110.00
Mrs. Leonie Betteline, Jacksonville	100.00
Bond Lumber Co., Glenwood	100.00
R. H. Bond, DeLand	100.00
E. R. Bradley, Palm Beach	100.00
J. R. Bradley, Palm Beach	100.00
Mrs. George H. Bruen, Georgianna	100.00
Burton Swartz Cypress Co. of Florida, Perry	100.00
Mrs. Anthony Campagna, Olympia	100.00
Soen M. Carlberg, Clearwater	100.00
S. O. Chase, Sanford	100.00
P. P. Cobb, Ft. Pierce	100.00
E. R. Conrad, DeLand	100.00
James Deering, Miami	100.00
E. B. Douglas Co., Miami	100.00
Duval Lumber Co., Pensacola	100.00
H. A. Ferran, Eustis	100.00
Fisher-Brown Ins. Agency, Pensacola	100.00
John L. Fonts, Winter Haven	100.00
Ft. Lauderdale Kiwanis Club, Ft. Lauderdale	100.00



A Little Homeless Easter Lily

Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club, Ft. Lauderdale	\$110.00
Edwin Gould, New York City	100.00
D. F. Gorham, Mt. Dora	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hammond, Hawthorne	110.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington, Winter Haven	100.00
Mrs. J. C. Heartt, St. Augustine	100.00
W. S. Holloway, Ft. Lauderdale	100.00
Lion's Club, Miami	100.00
Little Miss Martha Jane Horton, Bradenton	100.00
E. Lee Hughes, Miami	100.00
Miss Florence G. Hunt, St. Augustine	100.00
Mrs. George Innes, Tarpon Springs	100.00
G. D. Jackson, Eustis	100.00
Dr. Mary B. Jewett, Florence Villa	100.00
Mrs. E. B. Lent, Miami	100.00
W. C. Lewis, Tallahassee	100.00
Mrs. W. C. Lewis, Tallahassee	100.00
Mrs. Nettie E. Livermore, Palm Beach	100.00
James Carnell Lodge, No. 223, F. & A. M., Miami	100.00
Lucas, the "Land Man," Daytona Beach	100.00
John P. Lynch, St. Petersburg	100.00
Mrs. John Millen, Miami Beach	100.00
Morocco Temple Chanters, Jacksonville	100.00
W. H. Munn, Lakeland	100.00
Ocala Mfg. Co., Ocala	100.00
C. J. Ohmer, West Palm Beach	100.00
Palm Beach Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar, Palm Beach	100.00
Mrs. Lottie Pheil, St. Petersburg	100.00
William I. Phillips, Miami	100.00
Mrs. J. D. Price, Ormond	100.00
Paul L. Randolph, Clearwater	100.00
Rotary Club of Miami, Miami	100.00
John Scott, Miami	100.00
Mrs. Emily E. C. Shirk, St. Petersburg	100.00
Alfred F. Smiley, Lake Kerr	100.00
H. B. Smitz, St. Petersburg	100.00
Mrs. Florence C. Stockton, Jacksonville	100.00
E. G. Swartz, Perry	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Tilden, Winter Garden	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Van Hook, New Smyrna	100.00

The Children's Home Society of Florida



Mrs. Juanita E. Vuille, St. Petersburg. . \$100.00
Miss Myra G. Williams, Rockledge . . . 100.00
Frank C. Hecker, Century 125.00

G. C. Zaring, Miami \$100.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wood, Lemon City. . 100.00
Mrs. Carrie B. Welles, Pensacola 100.00

Aside from these individual gifts, other large contributions during the year were some from Public Schools, the largest of these being \$385.79, from the Riverside School of Miami, and—

Central School, Miami \$311.30
Children of Highland Park School, Miami 233.83
Pupils of Seabreeze-Daytona Beach Junior
High School, Daytona Beach 224.75
Miami High School, Miami 162.86
Lake Wire Primary Dept., Lakeland. . 161.00
Daytona Beach Elementary School, Day-
tona Beach 158.60
Gwynne Institute, Ft. Myers 135.00

Children of Southside School, Miami . . \$133.08
Coconut Grove Public School, Coconut
Grove 130.01
Teachers and Children of North Ward
School, St. Petersburg 130.00
Lake Worth School, Lake Worth 114.18
Winter Haven Grammar School 110.21
Pupils and Teachers of Ada Merit Junior
High School, Miami 102.56

The American Legion, all over Florida, sent in almost \$400.00 to help us give our kiddies the greatest Thanksgiving they had ever had in all their lives. We are proud of the Legion support, and hope they will make this an annual event. The Christian Endeavor Societies of the State again have honored us by sending in over \$1,500.00, for the care of the two little crippled girls, Essie and Elizabeth, and for our general work. This is the twenty-second year the Endeavorers of Florida have aided us; they being the first organization in Florida to contribute to our Society.



Some day the world will need a man! I stand beside his cot at night
And wonder if I'm teaching him, as best I can, to know the right.
I am the father of a boy—his life is mine to make or mar—
And he no better can become than what my daily teachings are;
There will be need for someone great—I dare not falter from the line—
The man that is to serve the world may be that little boy of mine.
Perhaps your boy and mine may not ascend the lofty heights of fame;
The orders for their births are hid. We know not why to earth they came.
Yet in some little bed tonight the great man of tomorrow sleeps
And only He who sent him here, the secret of his purpose keeps.
As fathers then our care is this—to keep in mind the Great Design.
The man the world shall need some day may be your little boy or mine.

—EDGAR A. GUEST, in "The Man to Be," in *Just Folks*.

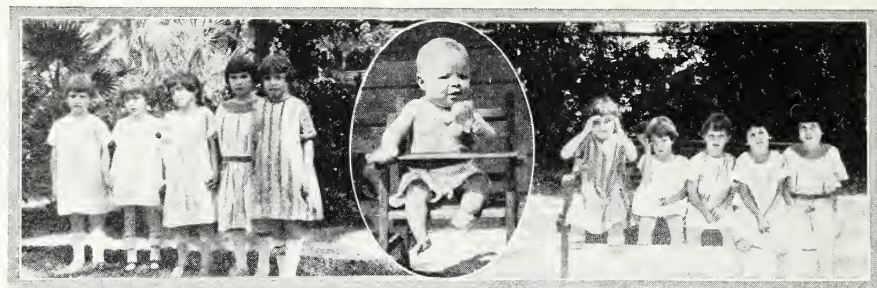


"In my judgment the work of the Children's Home Society is not simply the efficient way, but the one way to care for orphans permanently. Its economy as compared with the old way is a gain of a thousand per cent. Its plan of rearing an orphan in a home instead of an orphanage is God's plan. I commend this work with hearty good will and hope the Society may have the hearty co-operation of all who love God's little people.

—BISHOP WILLIAM A. QUAYLE, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



"Florida's Greatest Charity"



Some Wee Girlies

Sunny Jim

Looking for Good Homes

The Jacksonville Community Chest Helps Us

WE are proud to be among the twenty-three Social, Philanthropic and Social Agencies of Jacksonville, who were accepted after a careful investigation of our work, methods and finances, as member agencies of the Jacksonville Community Chest, which has been a very successful enterprise during its first year of service.

From this source we are receiving \$1,891.31 each month, this being about the amount that we have previously received from private contributions from friends in Duval County each year. Of course this amount is only a small part of our total Budget, but we have found it a great help in our work, and are deeply grateful to the Community Chest Association for its help in our great state-wide work. We feel sure that the Chest will provide a larger amount for us, from year to year, as our work grows, and we can show a real need for additional income. We hope to secure aid from other Community Chest organizations as they may be formed in the State; in fact, we feel that we are entitled to a proper share of the income from every community, as we serve children from every city and section of Florida.

Contributions Other Than Cash

Sometimes I feel that we do not give enough credit to the business firms, railroad companies, schools, clubs, organizations and others, who make contributions to our work other than cash, but which, if we measured their value carefully, would amount to a very great deal of money.

We are deeply grateful for every contribution of food, clothing or other articles whatever they may be, for our children can use anything that children from wee babies on up can eat, wear or enjoy, and without the contribution of these articles we would be obliged to spend several thousands of dollars each year. We hope our friends everywhere will realize therefore that the only reason we do not publish a detailed list of all contributions other than cash is simply because we dare not add the number of pages to our annual report that it would take to publish the list, for the extra pages would mean a cost of hundreds of dollars in additional postage and printing.



Deserving of Special Mention

Even at the risk of leaving out unintentionally some contribution that should have special mention, we feel that we must say a word of special appreciation to the Florida railroads, whose contributions in passes and special rates exceed in value any other contributions made to our work; to the newspapers of the State for free advertising and news space, without which our work would soon go out of business; to the Dorsey Baking Company of Jacksonville for free bread daily; the American Bakeries Company for bread and cake; to the Florida Ice Company for free ice daily; to Ford's Studio and Woodward's for furnishing photographs of children at cost; to Milam and Milam, Marks, Marks and Holt, Stockton and Ulmer, Hon. Fred. T. Myers of Tallahassee and Judge W. H. Baker for legal services; the City, State and County of Duval for free taxes, special rates on water, electric lights; to the Police and Fire Departments for protection; to the Crystal Market and others for meat, fish, groceries, etc.; to many merchants and concerns for rebates and discounts on goods; to other Social Agencies for co-operation; to the Barber College for free hair cuts; to the theatres for free shows; to the Randolph Company and others for free busses; to needle-work guilds and sewing clubs, for wonderful contributions of garments; to countless others whose help has made our work possible.



There is really no clue by which we can tread our way through the mazes of culture and the distractions of modern life save by knowing the true and natural needs of childhood and adolescence. Childhood is thus our pillar of cloud by day and fire by night—other oracles may grow dim, but this one will never fail.

—G. STANLEY HALL.



Homeless—Pleading for a Good Home Together



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

Specialists, Physicians and Dentists Render Great Service

THE fact that we did not lose even one of over fourteen hundred children cared for last year, by death, is due to the devoted and invaluable services of the following physicians and specialists, who have gladly given their services without charge that our children might be kept well. Dr. James D. Love, physician in charge of our staff of physicians and specialists, and the following:

T. B. CROFT
J. KIRBY-SMITH
H. MARSHALL TAYLOR
WILLIAM KNAUER
L. W. CUNNINGHAM
H. H. HARRIS
R. H. MCGINNIS
FRANK FORT
RALPH N. GREENE
W. W. SHAW
FRANCIS A. COPP
PERYL E. WATTS

E. B. MILAM
N. M. HEGGIE
SHALER RICHARDSON
J. H. RANDOLPH
E. T. SELLERS
EDWIN JELKS
LUTHER HOLLOWAY
T. J. CASON
J. KNOX SIMPSON
H. A. PEYTON
B. L. ARMS
A. J. JOHNSON

The following dentists have gladly looked after the dental needs of our little ones without charge and deserve a tremendous vote of thanks:

JESSE L. WILLIAMS
I. W. BULL
X. GREENE
H. B. PATTISHALL
MACE BEAN
J. H. TILLER, of Pensacola

J. I. TODD
E. F. JONES
J. H. GROLLMAN
GUY SMITH
S. CONSTANTINE



Waiting for a Fine Home

Following is a list of our official Staff of Physicians, Specialists and Dentists for 1925 as recently elected by our Board of Directors:

PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE DR. JAMES D. LOVE

Medicine

M. B. HERLONG
R. H. MCGINNIS
LUTHER HOLLOWAY
T. Z. CASON
HERRMAN H. HARRIS

Eye, Ear Nose and Throat

H. MARSHALL TAYLOR
N. M. HEGGIE
SHALER RICHARDSON
WM. J. KNAUER

Neurology

J. H. RANDOLPH
RALPH N. GREENE

Urology

THOMAS THOMPSON
E. T. SELLERS

Surgery

EDWIN JELKS
J. KNOX SIMPSON

Dermatology

J. KIRBY-SMITH

Röntgenology

L. W. CUNNINGHAM

Dentistry

JESSE L. WILLIAMS
I. W. BULL

St. Luke's Hospital and the Riverside Hospital, both, deserve a world of credit for all they are constantly doing for our children; in fact, we can never begin to say all the words of gratitude that should be said for all these hospitals do for us.



Givers of Homes and Loving Care the Greatest of All

AFTER all, though, the folks who deserve the greatest appreciation of all, are the good-hearted families who have taken our little homeless orphans, neglected, abandoned, abused and needy children into their homes, to give to them loving care, training, education and a chance to become of real service in the world.

Really, when I realize what it means to raise a child, I wonder that we are able to find as many fine folks, as we constantly are doing, who so willingly assume these great responsibilities and obligations, for it is no small task; but on the other hand of course there is no other happiness or compensation in life that means quite so much as the love of little children, therefore we can feel that the good Lord does in a great measure at least compensate those who give of their very lives and love to these little ones, whom He undoubtedly had in mind when He said, "Whoso receiveth one of these little ones in my name — receiveth me".

We still have a waiting list practically all the time for little babies and children under five years of age, though our greatest need constantly is for homes for boys and girls from six to fourteen years of age, of whom we constantly have a very large number, for whom we are seeking good homes of love and care.



The future of any nation depends upon the molding of the minds and bodies of the younger generation.

—THEODORE
ROOSEVELT.

The Little Tad

By HARRY LEE

GOT him from the Orphan's Home,
Little, big-eyed spindlin' tad;
Didn't mind his folks at all,
Right off called us 'Mom' an' 'Dad' —
Didn't know what Chris'mas meant!
Can you beat it? Hadn't heard
Of the Reindeer or the Sleigh
Or the Chimney —
Not a word!

That first Chris'mas! Man alive!
When he hung his stockin', he
Acted like he kindo thought
We wuz joshin'! Couldn't be
A Santy Claus — an' while he slep'
Didn't Mom an' me work hard!
Tree all frost an' candles lit,
Little, green-fenced,
Glis'nin' yard!

When he woke an' saw it all!
Mom says till the day she dies
She'll remember how he looked,
With the wonder in his eyes!
We never knew what Chris'mas meant.
Always made us sorto sad
Thinkin' what we missed or lost,
Till we took —
The Little Tad!



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

Christmas, Thanksgiving and Other Special Days

Of all the wonderful Christmas Days that our children have enjoyed, at our Receiving Homes in Jacksonville and in Pensacola, the past Christmas provided undoubtedly the most hilarious joy, for never have we had so large a family of children to provide for, and never have we had so bountiful a supply of toys, goodies, games and all the things that make Christmas the greatest day in the year for children everywhere.

Good friends, schools, Sunday schools, Women's clubs, churches, civic clubs, business firms, lodges, all through the State, sent in all sorts of toys, fruits, garments, candies, nuts, meat, turkeys, chickens, etc., for the scores of little ones under our care, making it possible for every little child to almost burst with joy on Christmas morn.

We wish we could print a complete list of all the donations in cash and other than cash, and say a special thank you to each and every one, but this is impossible as our space will not permit, but we are deeply grateful, and desire to say a Big Thank You for the many little ones who would gladly express their gratitude to each and all if they only could.

We must say a very special thank you to Mr. O. M. Drebert, Mr. E. B. Leatherman, Mrs. Perdita Robinson and other good friends in Miami, and the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach, for acting as Santa Claus for our big family of homeless children; most of whom had never had occasion to believe in Santa Claus before, as he always had passed them by. These good friends answered every letter sent in to Santa Claus by our children, and never can we forget the happy faces, and the little dancing eyes of delight, as the children opened the packages, addressed to them personally, and found that Santa Claus had really and truly sent them just what they had asked him for. It was a wonderful service to perform and it was generously done.

We cannot forget either the telegram sent us the day before Christmas from the Rotary Club of West Palm Beach stating that they were sending our little ones seventy-five toys and a check for over a hundred and fifty dollars, for which we could secure some of the goodies, toys, etc., that Santa Claus might overlook.

We are particularly grateful, too, to the members of our Ladies' Auxiliary and others, who assisted in the decoration of the tree, the arranging of the gifts, and to Neal Tyler for the trees, turkeys, etc., his annual gift.

Thanksgiving Day, The American Legion, Public Schools

Never have any group of children anywhere had a more wonderful Thanksgiving Day than our large family of needy children, for the American Legion all over Florida, and the Public School children all over the State, together with a host of other friends, here and there everywhere, in churches, clubs and other organizations, sent in all that we needed to make the past Thanksgiving Day the greatest day of its kind we have ever known.



We only regret that every member of the American Legion (particularly Adjutant W. H. Rowton, of Palatka, who suggested the idea) and all the school children, and every other friend or organization who helped in anyway, could not have been present to see the pandemonium of happiness and delight.

Mrs. W. W. Cummer, of Jacksonville, again added greatly to the delight of the children, with two wonderfully decorated favors, a great big pumpkin face and a gorgeous ship, out of which the children eagerly pulled the pretty ribbons, at the end of which was a little gift for every child.

We are sorry we cannot record the names of all other friends, but we know they will understand that we thank them heartily.

Fourth of July at Arlington

No summer would be complete without a Fourth of July picnic at Daddy Fagg's home in the country on the St. Johns River, and the picnic the past year was the best ever, because there were more to enjoy it. It was a gala day, one never to be forgotten.

Kiwanis Day at the State Fair

Another annual event that always deserves very special mention is the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club's Children's Day at the State Fair. If you ever want to see a group of children rampant with an unquenchable joy, follow our kiddies on one of these great days at the Fair. We are all indebted to President Scott Loftin and the members of the Kiwanis Club for the glorious day at the Fair, and only hope they enjoyed the day half as much as our children did.

Theatre Parties and Other Stunts

We wish we had space to thank Bill Whitehead of the Republic Theatre, Charlie Morrison of the Imperial and others for the theatre parties, and other good friends like Mrs. E. M. Miller and others who have brought such "gobs" of delight and joy to our little ones, through special parties, etc.

Miss Gladys Thornton has added hours of happiness to our little ones, through her stories told at the Home, and through her Christmas Party, for which we thank her sincerely.

Our West Florida children, at the West Florida Branch, in Pensacola, have had a world of happy times, too, through many good friends in Pensacola, all of whom we thank most cordially.

Our Officers, Directors and Ladies' Auxiliary

To the leader of our Board of Directors, Judge William H. Baker, and of our Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Arthur G. Cummer, and to all the members of our Board and Ladies' Auxiliary, our Society owes a great debt of gratitude, for you are the men and the women who have helped to guide the destinies of our organization and outline the policies of our fast-growing work. Your wisdom, your loyalty, your generous support, are a great source of encouragement to your staff of workers, and a bulwark of confidence to the people of all Florida. We thank you for your services, your interest, your support and trust that you may all live to serve Florida's little ones for many years to come.



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

Officers and Directors for 1925

OFFICERS

JUDGE WILLIAM H. BAKER . . . *President*
EDWARD W. LANE . . . *1st Vice-President*
JOSHUA C. CHASE . . . *2nd Vice-President*
JOHN A. CUNNINGHAM, 3rd . . . *Vice-President*
R. V. COVINGTON *Treasurer*
FRANK G. JOHNSON *Secretary*
GEORGE W. HARDEE *Asst. Secretary*
FRANCIS M. HOLT *Counsellor*
MARCUS C. FAGG *State Superintendent*

DIRECTORS

JOSEPH H. McLAURIN *Jacksonville*
ARTHUR G. CUMMER *Jacksonville*
JAMES W. SPRATT *Jacksonville*
HON. DUNCAN U. FLETCHER, *Jacksonville*
JACOB COHEN *Jacksonville*
FRANK C. GROOVER *Jacksonville*
JOHN L. HALL *Jacksonville*
DR. JAMES D. LOVE *Jacksonville*
HERMAN ULMER *Jacksonville*
DON BARNETT *Jacksonville*
BROOKE N. JONES *Jacksonville*
FRANK BISBEE *Jacksonville*
JAMES R. STOCKTON *Jacksonville*
HARRY A. LURTON *Pensacola*
HON. FRED. T. MYERS *Tallahassee*
HON. F. M. HUDSON *Miami*
J. F. HARRISON *St. Petersburg*

DR. C. F. KEMP *Key West*
S. D. CLARKE *Monticello*
A. LIVINGSTON, JR. *Madison*
HARRY L. FERRAN *Eustis*
D. L. THRASHER *Sanford*
W. G. BROREIN *Tampa*
HON. CARY A. HARDEE *Live Oak*
MEADE A. LOVE *Quincy*
F. J. NIVER *Daytona*
HON. H. J. DRANE *Lakeland*
HON. H. S. MCKENZIE *Palatka*
HON. B. H. LINDSEY *Perry*
HON. M. L. DEKLE *Marianna*
CHAS. S. CULLEN *Ocala*
DR. R. B. HARKNESS *Lake City*
PROF. A. A. MURPHREE *Gainesville*

Officers and Members of The Ladies' Auxiliary for 1925

MRS. ARTHUR G. CUMMER . . . *President*
MRS. JOS. H. McLAURIN . . . *Vice-President*
MRS. WM. H. BAKER *Vice-President*
MRS. F. N. STORMONT *Secretary*

MRS. WM. R. RANNIE
MRS. FRANKLIN RUSSELL
MRS. J. W. SPRATT
MRS. MARCUS C. FAGG
MISS GERDA MEIGS
MRS. JOHN C. COOPER
MRS. T. P. DENHAM
MRS. THOS. PALMER
MRS. JOSHUA CHASE
MRS. E. M. SANDERSON
MRS. J. C. DURRANCE

MRS. OWEN PHELAN
MRS. CECIL WILLCOX
MRS. A. S. HUBBARD
MRS. FRANK BROCK
MRS. G. D. ACKERLY
MRS. H. B. HOYT
MRS. COURTS KENDALL
MRS. TELFAIR STOCKTON
MRS. MCGARVEY CLINE
MRS. MALCOLM MCCRORY
MRS. STRAWN PERRY



Essie and Elizabeth

The names of these two little crippled girlies have become almost household words in every community in Florida where there is a Christian Endeavor Society, for the Endeavorers of Florida are for the third successive year now raising the third fund of \$1,500.00 or more to enable our Society to restore, if possible, the use of the limbs to these bright, lovable little girlies, both of whom came under the care of our Society as being in an utterly hopeless condition, paralyzed from the hips on down.

We are glad to report to these thousands of Endeavorers, and other friends everywhere, that little Essie is now at home from the hospital, in a private and special family boarding home in Jacksonville, under the care of a special nursing mother and a kindly school teacher, and that Essie can



Essie as She Came to Us Two Years Ago

actually stand and walk with the aid of braces and crutches on the wasted limbs that were so utterly lifeless and hopeless a little over two years ago. Essie still needs a world of care, and it will be a long, hard pull to give her the normal use of limbs and body, but we are confident God will bless our efforts and we thank the Endeavorers and all other friends who have made it possible for our Society to give Essie the special hospital care she needed.

We are sorry to report that little Elizabeth's case is not so favorable a one, though we have had



Elizabeth



Essie as She Is Today—Walking

her under the care of the same specialist in Baltimore that did so much for Essie, and in addition have had the best specialists of other Eastern cities and hospitals in to study her case. We still hope for good results, but if they do not come, we shall all be comforted in knowing that we have given Elizabeth every possible chance, and the services of the best specialists in America.

Essie and Elizabeth send their love and heartfelt thanks to the Endeavorers, the Jacksonville Rotary Club and all others who have done so much for their comfort and help.



Essie Starting for Florida

The Hospital at Hillsdale, Md.

Essie and Playmates in Maryland

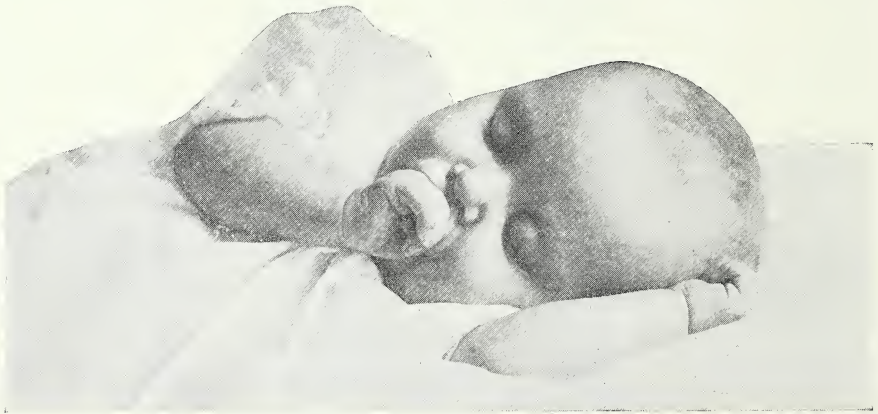


"Florida's Greatest Charity"

Little Blind Veretha

"The sins of the father shall be visited upon the children of the third and fourth generation," is a quotation from Holy Writ, which we are obliged to recall, as we look upon poor little Veretha, our little totally blind baby over at our baby cottage, for Veretha was born with big blue sparkling eyes, that God intended should be able to see all the beauties He had created, but the sins of her parents, and the utter neglect of her mother, literally ate away the nerves of the beautiful eyes, and forever little Veretha will only be able to see and know the beauties of God's great world as we may be able to bring light and happiness into her soul, through loving care and special education and training.

We have so far been disappointed in that we have not been able to find even one family in all of Florida that would give a home of love and care to this dear little unfortunate baby girl, in spite of several newspaper and other special appeals, but we are grateful to many friends who were good enough to send in funds to pay for little Veretha's board and care. These funds were not sufficient to care for Veretha for even one year, therefore, we appeal for further financial aid, for unless we can find some big-hearted family to take Veretha in, we will need to care for her for eight long years, until the State School for the blind will receive her as a pupil.



Little Blind Veretha

*DEAR little sightless baby
I send this with a prayer,
That God will always bless
thee,
And watch with tender care;
That though thine eyes are clouded
He'll let the sunshine in
And fill thy heart with gladness
And keep thee close to Him.*

—ELLA HUSTON.

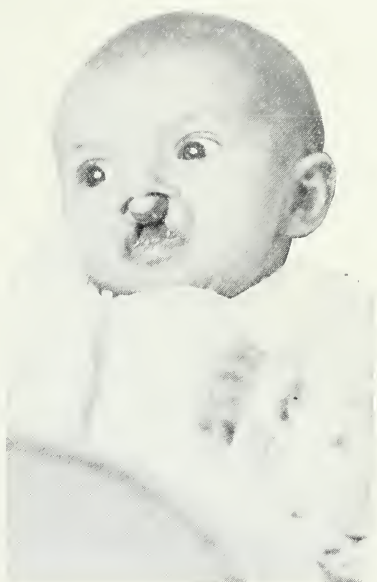
*"Take in a child that needs your care,
Give him your love and let him share
Your happiness and you will own
More joy than you have ever known,
And, what is more, you'll come to feel
That you are doing something real."*

—EDGAR GUEST.



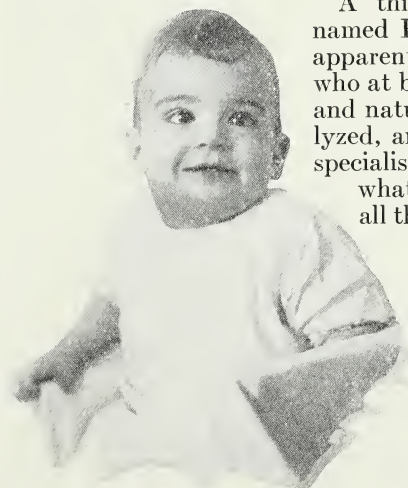
Little Sarah Bailey Doe

Perhaps just as pitiful a little object is little Sarah Bailey Doe, the little double hair lipped baby over at the baby cottage, who was abandoned when less than twenty-four hours old, three miles out from Jacksonville on the St. Augustine road, one cold dark early morning a few days ago. Little Sarah is not only afflicted with a double hair lip, which would seem burden enough for any poor little homeless, motherless babe, but has no palate in her mouth, and therefore can only be kept alive by feeding her with a fountain pen filler as a milk dropper. We plan as soon as she is six weeks old to have a very unusual operation performed for her, which will insert an artificial palate in her mouth, and another operation to remove the double hair lip. We hope our specialist will be successful in not only saving the life of this little babe, but will save her face from a disfiguration that in itself, if not removed, would make her life almost unbearable. Would that we could find the heartless brutes that left her on the side of the road to die. We feel sure, however, that in the plan of things, the wheels that grind slowly, will mete out an adequate punishment to so heartless a father and mother.



Little Paralyzed Robert

A third little unfortunate is a baby boy, named Robert Phelps, a bright, attractive and apparently robust little one-year-old baby boy, who at birth did not come into the world as God and nature intended, and who is partially paralyzed, and perhaps permanently so; in fact our specialist has said there was no hope for him whatever. We shall see to it, however, that all that modern medical science and skill can do, shall be done for little Robert, for no child that ever comes under our care shall ever have less than "all that can be done," so long as our good friends all through the State provide us with the necessary funds, and so long as St. Luke's hospital and our specialists give so willingly of their co-operative efforts.





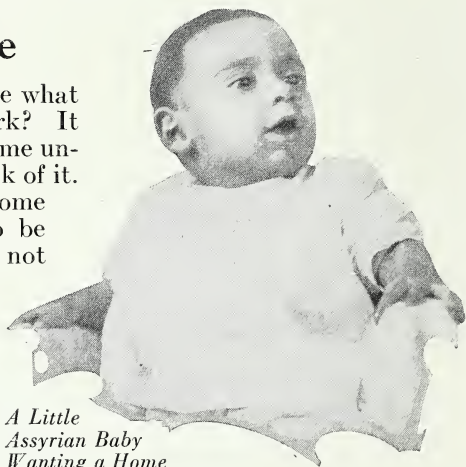
"Florida's Greatest Charity"

No, They Do Not Belong to Our Society

WE do not pretend to care for afflicted children as a general rule, and we could have refused to accept these three little unfortunates, and Essie and Elizabeth and others, too, as other Institutions and Agencies are doing, but I am glad that the rules of our Society are so elastic that we can offer our aid and loving care to "even the least of these," no matter how hopeless or pitiful their condition may be, for some agency in Florida must do this work, and I am glad that the people of Florida can confidently look to our Society to meet the need of any little child in Florida, regardless of the need and regardless of the creed, just as far as our funds will permit, and I warn you now that as long as I have the privilege of being your servant and leader in this work, our doors shall never be closed to any little child in distress and need.

Jean and Jane Doe

Have you ever stopped to realize what that name Doe means in our work? It means that the child or children came under our care without a name. Think of it. What a pity. What a tragedy to come unwanted into the world, and to be cared for so little that you were not even given a name. Few dogs are even so unfortunate, yet every now and then we are obliged to go into court and ask for the legal custody of some poor little nameless child, and the legal name of Doe is added to whatever surname our workers may give the little child, and so recently we came into possession of a tiny little pair of twins, baby girls ten days old, and we named them Jean and Jane, and the court added the usual Doe.



*A Little
Assyrian Baby
Wanting a Home*

These two little girlies, almost starved to death, came to us from a home and a mother, where the word love had no meaning, and where they were so unwanted that they were left to die. We may not be able to save them, but we are going to do our level best. We have already secured a special wet nurse to provide natural nourishment, and are earnestly hoping that real soon we will find some good-hearted family who will take these poor, little unwanted, nameless babies, and give to them that personal love and care that after all will do more to save their lives than all our nurses and specialists can do.

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, said: "It is not the will of your Father in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

"Child welfare is not a fad or a philanthropy. It is the highest form of business, and yields the richest returns to the State."

GEORGE FITCH.



A Branch of Our Society in Miami?

PERHAPS when the history of the past year is written in later years of our Society and its work, the outstanding part of the year's work will be the birth of a Branch of our Society in Miami. The Lions' Club of Miami have started a movement during the past sixty days, which will, I feel sure, result in an invitation to our Society, from all the Civic Clubs of Miami, to establish a branch of our work in Miami, to be known as the Southeastern Branch of The Children's Home Society of Florida, to provide for the children of five of the lower East Coast Counties, and to be supported entirely by the people of that section.

The plans for the Branch are not completed as yet, but it seems sure that before another year rolls around, our Society will have a Southeastern Branch in the magic city, a much needed addition to our rapidly growing work. A site for the Miami Receiving Home has already been selected; the home being a lovely residence located near a small city park, and the lot entirely bounded on all four sides by streets.



Not in Miami—One of Our Former Homeless Girlies at Atlantic City



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

We can feel very proud of the fact that the invitation comes to our Society absolutely unsought, and simply because the people of Miami had a great confidence in our Society, its work, and its workers, based on the years of service that we have rendered in that section as well as all over Florida.

N. B.—Since this report was presented at our Annual Meeting, January twenty-second, an official invitation to establish the above-mentioned Branch has been extended and accepted by our Society; funds have been raised to purchase and remodel a Receiving Home and soon the new Branch will be a reality.

A little later, we no doubt will want to establish a Branch in Southwest Florida, and then one in Central Florida, and

*Two of Our Older Girls
Sent to Special Training
School*

then we can feel that we will be pretty fully prepared to render a prompt as well as an efficient service to every child in need, in every section of the State.

I do not see now just how I can handle all of these great and additional responsibilities in addition to our present work, which sometimes seem to all but overwhelm me, but the scripture says, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be," therefore I shall go forward in the confidence that you will co-operate with me and give me the kind of personnel, as assistants, to the end that our work may go forward to higher and better standards of service along every line.

The Henry Training School

DUE to the prolonged illness of Judge Baker, our president, and to a falling stock market, it seemed wise not to go ahead with our plans to remodel and equip the buildings purchased by the Society at Orange Park in December, 1923, for the establishment of a training school for older girls under the will of the late John Henry of Titusville, Florida, who left our Society about \$75,000.00 in securities, for the purpose of establishing such a school. We trust that in the near future definite plans will be decided upon in regard to this important matter.

N. B.—Since this report was written, our Board of Directors have decided to provide for the Henry Training School in connection with our Receiving Home plant at Jacksonville, instead of at Orange Park, as this seemed the most practical and economical thing to do in carrying out the John Henry bequest.



*The Type of Older Girls
the Training School
Aims to Help*



Our West Florida Branch at Pensacola

W^E are very glad to report that everything seems to be getting on very well in connection with our West Florida Branch at Pensacola. The good people of West Florida have continued their generous support of the work in a financial and in every other way, and we start the new year in the best condition financially that our West Florida Branch has known for sometime.

*Two portions of
Our Fine Family
of Wonderful
West Florida
Kiddies—
Waiting for
Good Homes*



and who have contributed in any way to the general success of our work, in the territory west of the Apalachicola River.

Mrs. J. E. Holloman is still the matron of the West Florida Receiving Home, and a real mother to all of our little children, in that section of the State.

We regret very deeply that Miss Myrtle E. Wright, our field worker in the West Florida territory, was obliged to give up her work, but we welcome her as the registrar at our Jacksonville office.

We are very sorry, too, that Mrs. Mary E. Cole, our former matron of the Receiving Home in Jacksonville for many years, was taken ill on her very first trip to West Florida, and had to give up that work.

We regret very deeply the death of the President of our West Florida Board of Directors, Mr. J. A. Avant, also the death of Mr. Ed. Forchimer, a member of the West Florida Board of Directors, both of whom were actively interested in our great work. Our Society has lost two very valuable and worthwhile friends, whose places will be very hard to fill, and Pensacola has lost two valued citizens.



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

We started the new year with a new, but highly trained and experienced worker in the person of Mrs. Helen Chandler, for many years in children's work in West Virginia, who we feel sure will prove to be a capable and successful worker in the West Florida Field.

We are proud of the fine work done by our Ladies' Auxiliary in Pensacola, and of the loyal interest of our excellent men who compose the West Florida Board of Directors.

Officers and Directors of the West Florida Branch of The Children's Home Society of Florida

OFFICERS

MR. HARRY LURTON, President	<i>Pensacola</i>
W. B. FERRIS, Vice-President	<i>Pensacola</i>
D. B. MACMILLAN, Treasurer and Secretary	<i>Pensacola</i>

DIRECTORS

J. E. D. YOUNG	<i>Pensacola</i>	C. A. WEIS	<i>Pensacola</i>
CAPT. I. H. AIKEN	<i>Pensacola</i>	FRANK C. HECKER	<i>Century</i>
MORRIS BEAR	<i>Pensacola</i>	C. H. SIMPSON	<i>Milton</i>
HUNTER BROWN	<i>Pensacola</i>	E. W. THORPE	<i>DeFuniak Springs</i>
WILLIAM FISHER	<i>Pensacola</i>	A. SESSOMS	<i>Bonifay</i>
J. A. LEONARD	<i>Pensacola</i>	S. A. ALFORD	<i>Chipley</i>
J. A. ORMOND	<i>Marianna</i>	D. H. MCCALLUM	<i>Crestview</i>
JUDGE E. D. BEGGS	<i>Pensacola</i>	S. H. DRUMMOND	<i>St. Andrews</i>
		D. H. TART	<i>Pensacola</i>

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the West Florida Branch of The Children's Home Society of Florida

OFFICERS

MRS. R. SAUNDERS	<i>Chairman</i>
MRS. C. HUTCHINSON	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>
MRS. ED. GALE QUINA	<i>Secretary</i>

DIRECTORS

MRS. DAN SHEPARD	MRS. H. L. COVINGTON
MRS. WM. FISHER, SR.	MRS. CARL WEIS
MRS. WILMER HAYWARD	MRS. R. KAHN
MRS. T. M. WILLIAMS	MRS. D. H. TART
MRS. JAMES PACE	MRS. W. KEHOE
MRS. F. S. MELLEN	MRS. H. I. SHANNON
MRS. E. J. RAUB	MRS. J. H. PIERPONT
MRS. N. B. MCEVAN	MRS. F. G. ALMON
MRS. D. A. VANN	MRS. SAM PASCO
MRS. JOHN PHEIFFER	MRS. MAX KLEIN



Some Changes in Our Staff of Workers

WE have been hard hit this past year in the loss of some of our finest and most experienced and devoted workers. Illness took from us late in the year our valued Assistant Superintendent and Case Supervisor, Miss Marcia Pratt Johnson. Columbia, South Carolina, claimed one of her former talented workers, Miss Minna Robertson, for several years one of our best field workers, who returned to accept an important position in her home state. Illness in her family made it necessary for Miss Lena M. Story, one of our younger and most promising field workers, to give up her work with us, to return to her home at Winter Garden, Florida.

We are glad to report, however, that we believe we have secured some very fine workers to fill some of these positions.

Mrs. Mary E. Cole, formerly matron of our Receiving Home for many years, who will, we feel sure do well as a field worker, and Mrs. Helen Chandler, who has already been mentioned as the successor to Miss Myrtle E. Wright, in the West Florida field. We have also added to our field force Miss Adelia Smith of Daytona, Miss Clyde Curry of Jacksonville, Miss Elizabeth Weiner of Fernandina, and Miss Clara Johnson of Jacksonville, the charming daughter of Frank G. Johnson, for years the Secretary of our Board of Directors.

At the Receiving Home we have been most fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Matilda O'Donald, as the superintendent of the home, to succeed Mrs. Mary E. Cole, known everywhere as "Mother" Cole. Mrs. O'Donald comes to us with a fine record of service and experience as President for four years of the Women's Club of Jacksonville, a teacher for several years in Concordia School at Jacksonville, and in other schools, a fine Christian character, a capable executive, a lover of children.

Miss Isabel Gaines, formerly a teacher at Concordia School in Jacksonville, has been added to our staff of school teachers; Mrs. E. E. Humber as housekeeper, Mrs. Grace B. Beall as nurse in the baby cottage, Miss Hettie Enneis as assistant to the Superintendent, Miss Kate Copp in the girls' department, Mrs. Mattie P. Frost in the older boys' department, Miss Blanche Klicker in the infirmary, Miss Pauline Kearn in the nursery department.

Miss Elizabeth Deaver has been added as a special stenographer and assistant in the case supervision department, and Miss Myrtle E. Wright has been placed in charge of our records, etc., as our official registrar.

Mrs. Jack Touchstone has been added in the bookkeeping department, and Miss Mamie Driggers as a temporary assistant in the mailing list department.

We start the new year with a fine corps of workers in almost every department of our work, and look forward to a better year of service than ever before.

N. B.—Since writing the above we are delighted to announce the securing of Miss Irene Shields, of New Orleans, as assistant superintendent and case supervisor, and Miss Margaret MacGinigal, of New York, as District Superintendent of our new Branch at Miami.



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

Following is a complete list of our workers in every department. To these workers belongs the bulk of the credit for our great accomplishment in behalf of the childhood of our great State:

General Staff

MR. MARCUS C. FAGG, *Superintendent.*
MISS IRENE SHIELDS, *Assistant Superintendent.*
MISS MYRTLE E. WRIGHT, *Registrar.*
MISS EMMA L. MARCH, *Field Worker.*
MRS. HELEN CHANDLER, *Field Worker.*
MRS. MARY E. COLE, *Field Worker.*
MISS ADELIA SMITH, *Field Worker.*
MISS CLYDE CURRY, *Field Worker.*
MISS ELIZABETH WEIMER, *Field Worker.*
MISS MARY B. MILAM, *City Visitor.*
MISS CLARA JOHNSON, *Assistant City Visitor.*
MISS MARGARET MACGUNIGAL, *District Superintendent S. E. Branch, Miami.*
MRS. I. L. MOORE, *Bookkeeper.*
MISS RUTH B. NEEDHAM, *Assistant Bookkeeper.*
MRS. JACK TOUCHSTONE, *Assistant Bookkeeper.*
MISS ROSA BUERO, *Stenographer.*
MISS ELIZABETH DEEVER, *Stenographer.*
MISS ELIZABETH SECORD, *Stenographer.*
MISS RUTH ROWE, *Temporary Office Assistant.*
MISS MAMIE DRIGGERS, *Temporary Office Assistant.*

Receiving Home

MRS. MATILDA O'DONALD, *Superintendent.*
MISS HETTIE ENNEIS, *Assistant to Superintendent.*
MRS. E. E. HUMBER, *Housekeeper.*
MRS. GRACE B. BEALL, *Baby Nurse.*
MISS BLANCHE KLICKER, *Nurse.*
MISS MATTIE P. FROST, *Older Boys' Matron.*
MISS KATE COPP, *Girls' Matron.*
MRS. ADA A. SCOTT, *Small Boys' Matron.*
MRS. HOLLAND, *Nursery Matron.*
MISS MACMILLAN, *Assistant in Nursery Department.*
MISS VERA WILLIAMS, *School Teacher.*
MISS BELLE GAINES, *School Teacher.*
MISS SUSIE NESMITH, *School Teacher.*
MRS. MAUDE LEWIS, *Relief Worker.*
MRS. W. A. LAMPP, *Seamstress.*
MR. ALFRED MUELLER, *Yardman.*
MRS. J. E. HOLLOWMAN, *Matron West Florida Receiving Home.*
MISS MOLLIE SMITH, *Matron Girls' Department, West Florida Home.*
MRS. T. H. SPENCER, *Matron of Nursery Department.*
MR. JOS. G. KING, *Yardman at Orange Park.*

Family Boarding Home Department Increases Its Work

No department of our work has increased in service and efficiency more than our Family Boarding Home Department, which is under the capable direction of Miss Mary B. Milam and her assistant, Miss Clara Johnson, and which provides carefully selected family boarding homes for the temporary care of the children of widowed mothers, of young girl mothers, of children for the juvenile court, Duval County Board of Welfare, and other Social Agencies and individuals all through the State.

Following is a brief summary of the work of this department:



Report of Supervisor of Boarding Home Department Children's Home Society of Florida for 1924

1. Work done in supervision of Family Boarding Homes:	
1. Number of children cared for in Family Boarding Homes during year.....	199
2. Number of children now under supervision in Family Boarding Homes.....	72
3. Number of Family Boarding Homes in use at present time.....	18
4. Number of Family Boarding Homes available.....	22
5. Number of visits of supervisory nature to Family Boarding Homes during year	520
2. Investigations or visits regarding special or emergency cases.....	250
3. Miscellaneous errands and visits.....	845
Total number of visits, etc., in Boarding Home Department made during year	1,615

MARY B. MILAM,
City Visitor, Children's Home Society of Florida.

Medical Report for 1924, Rendered by City Visitor

This report does not include medical service rendered by the house physician at the Receiving Home, but only that carried on outside the Home and supervised by the City Visitor.

1. Visits to specialists:		
Eye, ear, nose and throat specialists	250	
Bone specialists.....	12	
Skin specialists.....	2	
Psychologists.....	18	
Specialists in venereal diseases.....	72	
X-Ray specialists.....	5	
2. Visits to dentists.....	170	
3. Visits to general practitioners.....	80	
4. Wassermann tests made.....	20	
Total number of medical visits.	629	
5. Operations:		
Operations for the removal of tonsils and adenoids.....	59	
Other operations.....	5	
Total number of operations.....	64	

MARY B. MILAM,
City Visitor, Children's Home Society.

Treasurer's Statement, West Florida Branch

JANUARY 1, 1924, TO JANUARY 1, 1925.

Balance on hand January 1st, 1924.....	\$2,906.31
Donations.....	8,140.10
Estate of Liza D. Rogers.....	2,385.71
Board for children.....	455.65
Total.....	\$13,887.77

N. B.—\$3,037.95 of this amount was sent to West Florida Branch from the Headquarters Office at Jacksonville, having been received from friends in the West Florida District, as all funds received from the West Florida District are used in and for that District.

Salaries of all Workers.....	\$2,312.17	Placing and visiting children.....	570.39
Office expenses.....	153.25	Boarding schools and homes.....	102.63
House supplies and repairs.....	1,751.60	School supplies and tutoring.....	427.22
Trained nurses.....	110.63	Incidentals.....	241.81
Provisions, Milk, Meats, etc.....	2,069.96	Insurance.....	63.35
Fuel, Light and Telephone.....	279.18	Total disbursements.....	\$9,486.45
Dental and Medical Service.....	360.90	Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1924.....	\$4,401.32
Shoes, Clothing, etc.....	475.60	Audited January 27, 1925, by Frank W. Riley, Public Accountant, Pensacola, Florida.	
Laundry.....	567.76		



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

Treasurer's Report for the Year 1924

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Balance December 31, 1923.....		\$13,095.33
Transfer of funds:		
From building fund.....	\$28,000.00	
To building fund.....	11,000.00—	17,000.00
		<hr/> 30,095.33

RECEIPTS:

Donations	\$129,843.93	
Interest.....	254.63	
Boarding Homes and Schools.....	10,222.31	
Rents received.....	55.00	
Loan to Angie Thomas.....	60.00	
War Saving Stamps.....	30.00	
James D. Smith property.....	25.00	
Notes and mortgages.....	2,717.29	
Henry Smith Training School—old lumber and wood sold ..	25.50	
Miscellaneous income.....	749.64—	143,983.30
		<hr/>
Available total.....		\$174,078.63

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries (twenty-four different workers).....	\$27,041.87	
Securing homes for children and funds.....	28,062.33	
Office expenses.....	3,349.45	
Boarding homes and schools for older children.....	19,569.34	
Receiving Home expenses (salaries, provisions, clothes, etc.).....	32,550.10	
Matron's expense, Receiving Home (laundry, etc.).....	2,945.05	
Placing and visiting children.....	5,570.01	
Miscellaneous expense, traveling, etc.....	395.29	
Auto expense.....	1,295.96	
Office rent—exchange of offices, repairs, etc.....	1,263.00	
Pensacola account (funds raised for W. Florida Branch)....	2,935.85	
Legal expense.....	173.09	
Special relief.....	242.41	
Real estate (purchased of Reception Cottage and lot).....	7,500.00	
Henry Training School, repairs, etc.....	13,847.55	
Mortgage payable on Henry Training School account.....	10,621.71	
Office furniture.....	582.21	
Household furniture.....	139.19	
Loan, Henry Training School account.....	2,517.29	
Great Northern Railway bond, Interest and Brokerage (special donation).....	111.85—	160,713.55
		<hr/>
Balance per books, December 31, 1924.....		\$ 13,365.08

Audited and approved by Mucklow and Ford, certified public accountants, Jacksonville, Florida, February 16, 1925.

N. B. 1—This balance will carry our work through the first two months of 1925. By the time this report reaches you, we will be needing your help in a very definite way. Please do not fail us.

N. B. 2—In addition to the General Fund, we have a small Building Fund on hand, and cash and securities belonging to the Henry Training School account, all of these funds being set aside for special purposes.



Financial Reports for Twenty-two Years

Record of Receipts

First year.....	\$ 807.00	Eleventh year.....	\$ 29,771.96
Second year.....	1,157.00	Twelfth year.....	30,977.67
Third year.....	1,337.00	Thirteenth year.....	31,216.18
Fourth year.....	3,245.00	Fourteenth year.....	34,219.88
Fifth year.....	4,672.00	Fifteenth year.....	46,198.96
Sixth year.....	4,019.00	Sixteenth year (NB).....	98,734.27
Seventh year.....	3,713.00	Seventeenth year.....	47,900.38
Eighth year.....	7,504.00	Eighteenth year.....	126,283.32
Ninth year.....	19,271.33	Nineteenth year.....	113,318.42
Tenth year.....	25,099.74	Twentieth year.....	130,840.22
First ten years.....	\$70,825.07	Second ten years.....	\$689,461.26
Twenty-first year.....			\$ 146,748.61
Twenty-second year.....			174,178.41
			<hr/>
			320,927.02
			689,461.26
			<hr/>
Total.....			\$1,010,388.28

Our total income for twenty-two years has just gone over the Million Dollar Mark by \$10,388.28.

Our support the last two years, \$320,927.02, is almost one-third as much as the total for the entire twenty-two years, almost half as much as for the first twenty years.

Our support the past year is 215 times greater than the first year, and is more than twenty times as much as the budget decided upon by the Board when I took charge fourteen and one-half years ago.

Record of Children Referred for Aid and Care in Twenty Years

First year.....	34	Eleventh year.....	636
Second year.....	21	Twelfth year.....	828
Third year.....	23	Thirteenth year.....	740
Fourth year.....	25	Fourteenth year.....	792
Fifth year.....	23	Fifteenth year.....	771
Sixth year.....	39	Sixteenth year.....	781
Seventh year.....	15	Seventeenth year.....	824
Eighth year.....	87	Eighteenth year.....	968
Ninth year.....	344	Nineteenth year.....	986
Tenth year.....	536	Twentieth year.....	1,006

Total number of different children referred for aid and care in—

Twenty years.....	9,499
Twenty-first year.....	909
Twenty-second year.....	1,018
	<hr/>
	11,426

The number of different children coming under our care during the entire twenty-two years is 11,426.

The number coming under our care the past year—1,018, is almost thirty times as many as came under our care the first year twenty-two years ago.

The average cost per child, including all types of care, has been about \$85.00 per child.



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

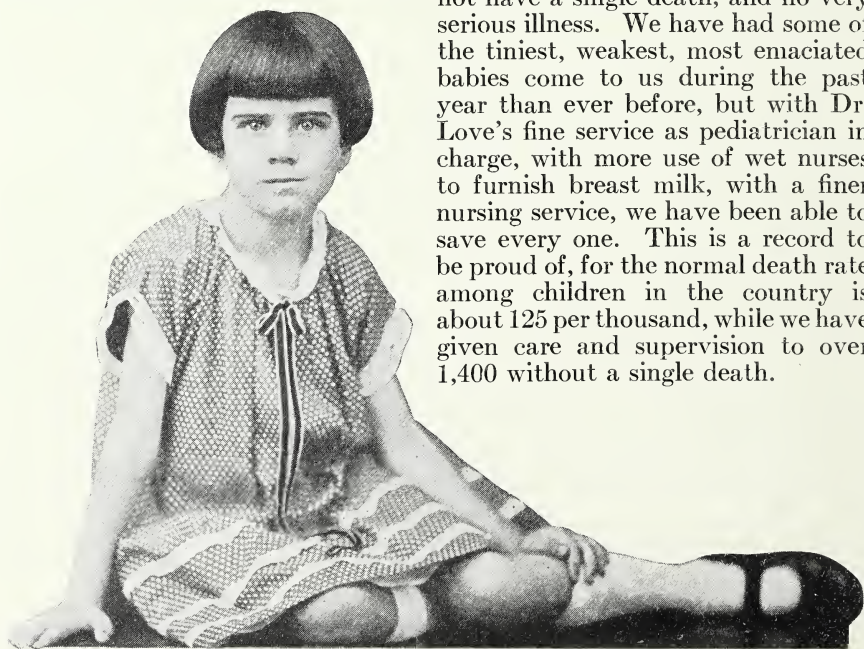
1924, the Year of More Efficient Service

ALTHOUGH we have tried in every year of our work to do good work, I feel sure that in the past year we have undoubtedly rendered not only a larger service to the largest number of children ever coming under our care, but the most painstaking and efficient service that we have ever rendered.

The case of every child reported to us has been studied carefully, more time has been used in looking up relatives and other possible sources of help, more effort has been made to keep children with their own relatives, or to place the burden of care and support with children's own relatives, more work has been done in the hard task of reconciliation of parents and the rehabilitation of homes. Greater care has been used in the selection of family homes in which to place our children, and more frequent and more helpful supervision visits have been made after children have been placed. More complete and careful mental tests and studies have been made, more blood tests to determine freedom from disease, more care of the eyes, ears, nose, throat, heart, more dental work in saving the teeth of our children, more care in our diet at our Receiving Homes, a finer service from our Staff of Physicians and Specialists, Dentists, Nurses and workers.

No Deaths Occur in 1924

All of this effort has had its results, for although we cared for almost two hundred more children in 1924 than in the previous year, yet we did not have a single death, and no very serious illness. We have had some of the tiniest, weakest, most emaciated babies come to us during the past year than ever before, but with Dr. Love's fine service as pediatrician in charge, with more use of wet nurses to furnish breast milk, with a finer nursing service, we have been able to save every one. This is a record to be proud of, for the normal death rate among children in the country is about 125 per thousand, while we have given care and supervision to over 1,400 without a single death.



Happy in One of Our Boarding Homes



A Trio of Our Training School Group

Our Department for Training Older Boys and Girls

FEW of our friends realize what a task it is to deal with the problem of the older girl and boy, yet it is our greatest problem, a constant source of worry and trouble. I have often felt a bit envious of the children agencies who limit their intake of children to children under ten years of age, for surely they are relieved of the greatest problem of the adolescent girl and boy.

We are spending thousands of dollars each year in sending these older girls and boys, girls especially, to training and industrial schools all through the South. We use the Montverde School at Montverde, Florida; Palmer College at De Funiak Springs; Vashti Industrial School at Thomasville, Ga., and others.

The results are generally more than worth while; in fact, without these schools my hair would be whiter than it is, for each of these girls offers a separate and distinct and continuing problem.

I used to feel relieved when some of them got married, but I find that in many cases I am still needed as a guide and counsellor, and official daddy and referee, for in these days, more than ever it seems to me, young folks are quick to act, quick to fall in love, quicker to marry, and even faster in their desire to separate.

But after all only a few, in all the years of our work, have really failed utterly and gone astray, so we must cheer up, fight harder, and keep everlastingly at it.

We now have 68 in these training schools, in Business Colleges in Jacksonville, and in other special cases in special institutions here and there for special direction and care.



"Florida's Greatest Charity"



Our New Reception Home

WITH funds received from the sale of property that came to us from the Tilley Estate of Clearwater, Florida, and from the estate of the late Captain William James of Jacksonville, we have just purchased the

little cottage in the rear of our Nursery Building at 2001 St. Johns Avenue, to be used as a reception cottage, a comfortable little place in which to care for all the new children that come to us, for two weeks, in order that we may be sure that we are not taking in any children into our regular dormitories who may have some skin trouble or some infectious or contagious disease.

Until now, we have used an infirmary building for these children, but the constant influx of children has kept our infirmary so full of well, but new children, that when we have had illness, we had no place to care for them. We hope soon to have the reception cottage equipped, painted, remodelled and ready for service.

Our Greatest Need — Better School Facilities

FOR years now, we have struggled along with the most simple and meager school facilities, until today our school is a disgrace to our Society and a menace to the health of our little children. We are crowding in a lot of children into three rooms that were never intended for school purposes at all, where the light, air and ventilation are all inadequate, if not utterly impossible. Really folks, we must not tolerate this condition much longer, we must not procrastinate in regard to this important matter, we must act and soon. We have discussed the matter before, have appointed committees, and then allowed the matter to drag along, until the condition is really serious, and we must expect dire results if we do not act promptly. It may be best to allow our children to return to the public schools, and only keep under our own roof children who are too retarded and sub-normal mentally to attend the public school. It may be best to build a new and adequate plant of our own, with special industrial features, for both boys and girls, but whatever we do, please, let us get at it, quickly.

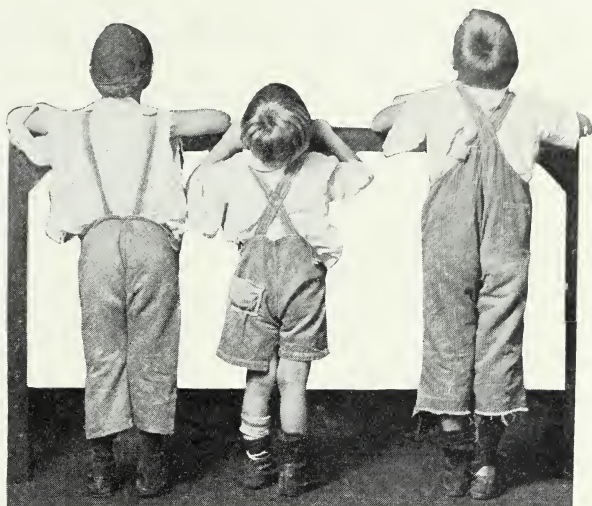
Vashti Training School, Thomasville, Ga. The Type of School Our Society Needs. We have sixteen Girls in the Above School Now



N. B.—Since the above was written our Society has decided to build a modern up-to-date school at once, with funds from the Henry estate.



What About the Future— Just Ahead?



As we look into the future, the very near future, I feel almost overwhelmed with the unusual responsibilities and added services, which we must assume and render, for we have our new reception cottage to equip, remodel and start going. We must reach a decision in regard to the matter of the Henry Training School project. We surely must provide better school facilities at once at our Receiving Home. We must increase our office space. We must secure and start into the work a new case supervisor, and continue to train five new field workers, which is a job all in itself. We are obliged to establish a new and important branch of our work in Miami, with new workers, and at least a \$35,000.00 budget. We will need to raise at least fifteen or twenty thousand dollars more during the coming year than in the previous year to care for all these additions to our work, and to care for the larger number of children that are sure to come to us, and must constantly raise our standards of efficiency and service along all lines.

We start the new year with a total of 600 children on hand in receiving homes, boarding homes, hospitals, training schools, special institutions, and under supervision in family homes, not yet legally adopted.

The task seems almost too big, but somehow if our faith is sure, He who has directed our ways and blessed and prospered us all through the years, will continue to direct and bless us, if all that we do is done in His name, in His spirit, and for the sake of the little ones whom He first loved, therefore, let us take courage and face each day's privileges and responsibilities, and do our level best, to the end that the childhood of this great State may have a better day.

In closing, may I thank each and all of you and all the people of this great State for your aid and support, and plead with you for even greater help and encouragement through the year ahead, and won't you read with me the following little poems which seem to me appropriate as we think of what our chief aim and service is, the adoption of little homeless children:



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

Adoption

NEVER the pain of birth, perhaps, nor the joy that follows after,
But the peace that comes with the wistful sound of a lonely
child's first laughter;
Never that moment of breathless thrill when a baby's hands go groping,
But the calm that comes to a tired soul when there is an end to hoping!

Never the rapture of saying, soft, "This is flesh of my flesh I'm bearing!"
But the quiet charm of a home complete—and a love the heart is sharing.
Never the gleam of a girlhood dream in a little face uplifted,
But a hand to touch when the shadows creep, and the yearning years have
drifted.

Never the pain of birth, perhaps, nor the rapture coming later;
Never the fear that is past belief—nor the splendor, which is greater!
Just an aching lack, to be satisfied, that some tiny life is feeling;
Just the sight of a little cozy bed—and a child beside it kneeling!

Never the waiting, anguish torn, for a spirit to be lighted,
Only the knowledge of work to do, of a wrong that may be righted;
Never the best, perhaps, of life—its wonderful, age-old story—
But who shall say that the second best is lacking its share of glory?

MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcus C. Fagg.
State Superintendent.

"Who so saves a child from the fingers of evil sits in the seat with builders of cities and procurers of peace."

—NORMAN DUNCAN.

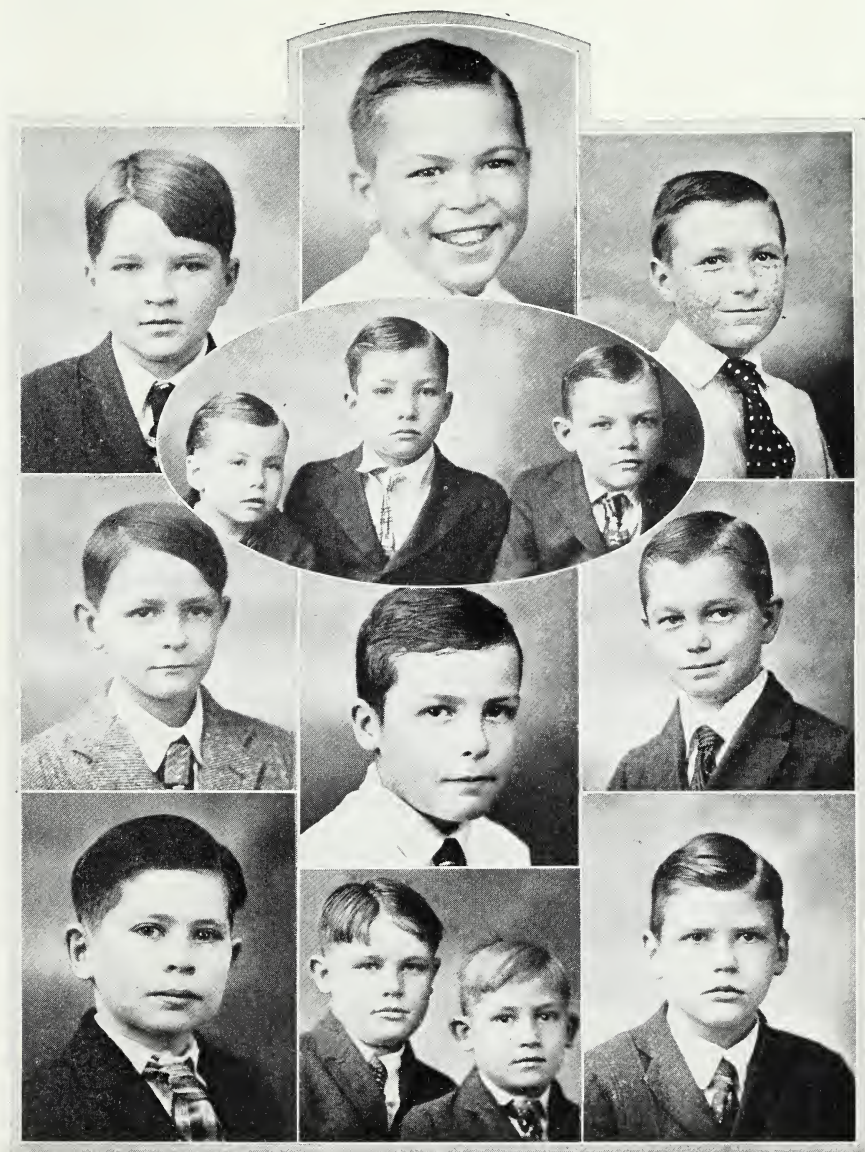


Adopted

The Children's Home Society of Florida



Just a Dozen of the Scores of Fine Homeless Boys We Have
All Pleading for Good Homes



*We Are Particularly Anxious to Find Good Homes That Will Take a Pair or a Trio of Fine
Brothers—Whom We Dread to Separate. How About Some Fine
Lads for YOUR Home?*



"Florida's Greatest Charity"



*We Rescue Such Little "Fellers" as This, and Secure
Homes of Love and Care for Them—To Fit
Them for Useful Manhood*



*The Future for Such Little
Lads Would Be Hopeless
Except for "Florida's
Greatest Charity"*



A Trio of Dear Little Homeless Youngsters

The Children's Home Society of Florida



**Twenty-four of the Fourteen Hundred and Fifty-eight Children
Cared for Last Year—Came from Six Families**



We Can Furnish Homeless Boys and Girls—in Singles, Pairs, Triplets, Quadruplets, and Quintettes, and Have Just Recently Had Seven Children Come to Us From One Family

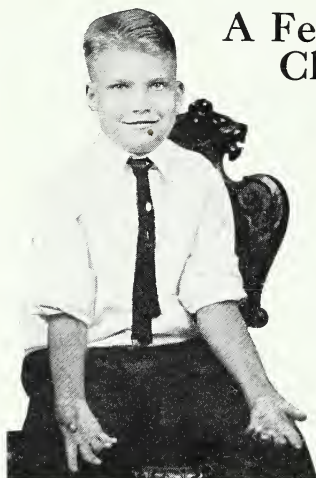


*Three Boys—All Wool and a Yard Wide—Guaranteed to Rip,
Ravel and Tear*



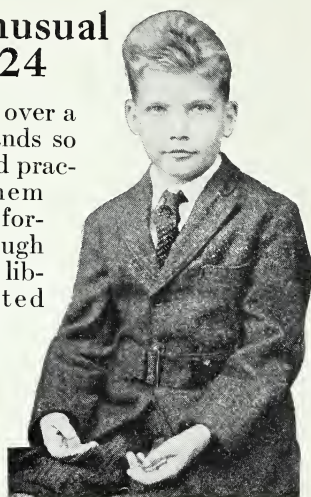
"Florida's Greatest Charity"

A Few of Our Unusual Children of 1924



Before

Claude came to us over a year ago with his hands so paralyzed that he had practically no use of them whatever. We were fortunate enough through the kindness of some liberal and big-hearted friends in Miami to secure funds enough to send Claude to an eminent Orthopedic Surgeon in Atlanta who so successfully operated on Claude's hands and wrist that Claude now



After

has perfect use of his hands and arms, and is one of the finest lads we have ever had under our care. We are hoping soon to find just the right home for Claude, a home of loving affection, where this fine homeless lad will be given a real chance to make good. Claude is mighty happy to have the full use of his hands and we are proud of the friends who made the operation possible.

The first dwarf that we have ever had come under our care, came to us last summer in the person of Dolly, a seventeen-year-old girl, about three feet tall and almost as big around. Her mother had died, her father had abandoned her and some kind friends brought her to our Society. We learned that Dolly was a good Episcopalian and soon had no trouble in arranging to send her to a fine Episcopal girls'



school in Tennessee, to be partly supported by the Church of the Good Shepherd in Jacksonville, and by our Society. Dolly is determined to become an office secretary, and hopes someday to have employment with our Society. We are glad for all the friends who added joy to Dolly's Christmas, and rejoice in the opportunity which has come to Dolly for a real education and a chance to become of real service.

Dolly the Dwarf



Josie, With the Crippled Hand

No finer, sweeter girl has ever come under our care than little Josie, whose picture is shown herewith, and who came to us with a deformed hand, which was of practically no use to Josie, and which we feel sure could be helped wonderfully with just the right kind of an operation. We are proud of the work that has been done in giving to Josie an almost normal hand, and now are seeking a good home, where she can put her hands to work.



Madeline, the Unfortunate

There perhaps is no harder burden for a child to bear than the burden of a Social Disease, for whom the parents are certainly responsible. This dear little girlie is one of our little ones, who is reaping what her parents sowed, but with persistent effort, constant treatment and devoted care, we hope for the day when her little body will be "washed whiter than the snow", for she does not deserve to have the "sins of the father" visited upon her.



Bob, the Cross-Eyed Boy

Never has a more wonderful operation on the human eyes been performed than the one done by one of our eminent specialists, who took these eyes for Bob, eyes that were apparently hopelessly crossed, and made straight and normal in every way. It really is a modern day miracle, and now we want to find a real home for this lad, who deserves a good one, for he is a fine little lad in every way.



Joseph, the Cretin

This fine healthy looking little fellow is one of the most afflicted little fellows that has ever come under our care. He is what is termed a Cretin—he will probably never have any real mentality, and his body will grow in breadth, but very little in height. Improper gland secretions are the cause of his life-long trouble. We have found a special institution that will care for him always.



Our Greatest Tragedy

One of these fine little lads was instantly killed and the other very seriously wounded in an explosion of dynamite the boys found alongside of a road building project



down the East Coast last year, being the greatest tragedy we have ever had come to one of our foster families. This fine family have, in place of the little brother, taken his sister into their fine home.

Abused and Neglected

That any father could willfully and continually abuse and neglect so fine a little girl as little Marguerite Long, is hard to understand, yet this dear little girlie could tell a tale of abuse, pain and neglect that would startle and shock most anyone. We are glad to have recently found a fine home of real love and care for Marguerite, a home where she will be fondled and caressed as God intended she should.





A Page of Wee Babies

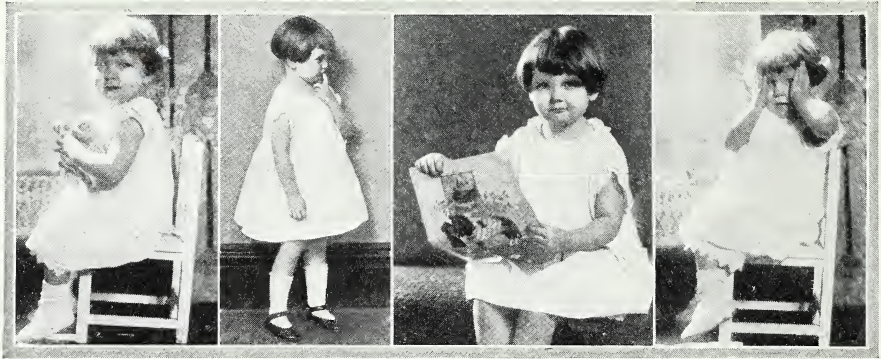


We most Always Have a Waiting List for Wee Babies. In Fact, at Christmas Time, We Had to Disappoint a Whole Lot of Folks. Last Year Among Our 1,458 Little Ones We Cared for 120 Wee Little Babies Who Had Lost Their Homes and Parents by Death, Desertion and Other Causes. Can Anything Be More Pathetic Than a Wee Homeless Baby?



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

The Most Popular Group, from 2 to 5 Years



*We Have a Waiting List All the Year Through for Children of These Ages,
But We Need Good Homes for Pairs and Trios*



Some Mighty Attractive Girlies

All Eagerly Hoping and Praying for Good Homes—Real Soon



*We Have a Fine Lot of Girls in Pairs That We Are So Anxious Not to Separate
Won't You Take a Pair Into Your Home?*



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

A Plea for Some Wonderful Pairs of Children

*It Would Be
a Crime to
Separate This
Lovely Pair*



*Surely Some Home
In Florida Would
Welcome These
Unusually Fine
Little
Youngsters?*



*This Little Brother and Sister
Would Cry Their Hearts Out
For Each Other. Who Will
Change These Tears to Joy of
a Good Home of Tender Care?*

THERE is nothing harder it seems to us than the need to separate brothers and sisters, or pairs of brothers or pairs of sisters. We dread to do it, and of course the children dread to be separated. We never do it if we can possibly find families who will take a pair of children for us. Right now we have some wonderfully fine pairs of boys and girls, and one or two pairs of brothers and sisters, some of whom we have kept over a year in the hope that we might not need to separate them. We plead today for good homes for some of these pairs of children, children that we know will do well if they can only find a family who will give them a reasonable chance. Will you?



A Page of Easter Lilies

These pictures just prove that "fine feathers make fine birds," for here is a little child that came to us from a home of poverty and neglect—that we have "dolled up" a bit—and is as beautiful as any child that would come from the very best homes in our state—anywhere. This little girlie has a dear little sister—not quite so attractive—but they would make a fine pair of little sisters for some good home. We are eagerly awaiting just the right home for them together. Will **your** home be the one?



Isn't She a Dear?

All that most of the children who come under our care need is a reasonable chance under favorable circumstances and under a favorable environment, to make good.

We have scores of fine children—most of them from six to twelve years of age—that we are very anxious to find homes of love and care for, many of them in pairs and trios that we dread to separate. We usually have a waiting list for babies and little children up to five years of age, therefore we plead particularly for homes for children above five years of age. Won't you and your good wife be a father and mother to one, two or more of our children?

"While you are conserving natural resources, do not forget the child, the greatest resource of the nation, and of the world." THEODORE ROOSEVELT



Isn't She a Little Beauty?



"Florida's Greatest Charity"

A PERMANENT MEMORIAL

This page will be set aside regularly each year as a permanent memorial to the kind friends who have left bequests or special funds to the Children's Home Society of Florida. Each year the list will be reprinted in full, adding such new names as may be our privilege.

We earnestly hope that all of our good friends will follow the example of the good friends whose names are published herewith, for the only limit to the good we can do is the money to do with.

There surely is no place on earth where your money could possibly render a greater or a more lasting service.

1913. Hon. E. O. Painter, Jacksonville, former director of Children's Home Society (Paid).....	\$1,000.00
Mrs. A. S. Lynekin, Jacksonville (estate not settled).....	200.00
1917. Enoch Root, West Palm Beach (Paid)	300.00
D. P. Fraser, Jacksonville (Paid).....	500.00
1919. Mrs. Ford H. Rogers, Ocala (in memory of husband) (Paid)....	500.00
David S. Stout, Merritt, cottage sold for (Paid)	2,850.00
1920. Francis P. Conroy, Jacksonville (former Vice-President Children's Home Society) (Paid).....	1,000.00
1921. A. R. Jones, Pensacola (for West Florida Branch) (Paid).....	500.00
James D. Smith, Arlington (estate not settled) (Paid).....	891.14
Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, Kissimmee (estate not settled) (Lost to Society because of incorrect name being used)	21,500.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Currier, St. Cloud (to be paid at her death)	
Mr. and Mrs. Missouri Henson, Daytona (estate not settled)	200.00
Mrs. Melissa J. Gage, Miami (estate not settled)	2,500.00
Emil Graf, St. Cloud (Paid)	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Harper, Miami (a joint will to be paid later)	
1922. Hiram Smith Williams, Rockledge (Paid)	2,000.00
Mrs. R. A. Amsden, Manchester, Iowa (Paid)	4,000.00
W. A. Drake, Jacksonville (Paid).....	200.00



A PERMANENT MEMORIAL

More and more as the people of Florida realize the unquestioned value and importance and real need of our Society and its great State-wide non-sectarian work for the future citizens of our State, its children of today, we are being remembered in the wills and bequests of friends who have come to have a real confidence in us, and who realize that there can be no other place on earth where their funds can really accomplish greater good.

The following are among the bequests and special gifts that have come to us during the past year:

1922. James N. Stephen, Zephyrhills (Paid)	\$ 200.00
Mrs. Louise G. Hoover, South Jacksonville (Paid)	500.00
C. D. Mills, Jacksonville (estate not settled; annually)	1,000.00
1923. Captain John Henry, Titusville (estate not settled) about.....	75,000.00
Dr. Columbus Drew, Jacksonville (trust fund to net annually)....	150.00
J. D. Bucky, Jacksonville (estate not settled)	500.00
Capt. William James, Jacksonville (Paid)	2,000.00
J. G. Stowers, West Palm Beach (estate not settled).....	1,000.00
S. A. Belcher, Miami (estate not settled)	Amount not known
P. A. Ullendorf, Miami (estate not settled)	Amount not known
1924. Estate of Columbus Drew, Jacksonville	392.00
Estate of Liza D. Rogers, Pensacola	2,385.71
Mrs. Alpha H. Burson, Richland, Ga. (to furnish room in Henry Training School) (Not paid)....	150.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner, St. Augustine	Amount not yet known
W. F. Miller, Miami (annually through permanent trust fund) ..	500.00
Mrs. Charles Woodward (deceased), Stuart (Not paid).....	5,000.00
L. S. Relyea, Dade City. Amount not yet known.	



A PERMANENT Date Due TRIAL

As you read the names of these fine friends who have made these bequests to our Society, won't you follow their good example, and make provision in YOUR will for the hundreds of little ones—the future hope of our State and nation? Please do it now.

1924. F. A. Tucker, Palatka, Fla., and Savannah, Ga., No amount yet known
W. W. Marshall, Daytona (Share in valuable property).
Mrs. J. C. Howard, Daytona, Fla., and Boston, Mass., ... No amount yet known
Mrs. James S. Samson, St. Petersburg, No amount yet known
Miss Emeline McNally (deceased), Jacksonville and Kings Co., N. Y., Valuable property in Jacksonville
Mrs. Mary R. Young, Panama City Forty acres of land in Bay County
Dr. Andrew Anderson (deceased), St. Augustine (interest on \$10,000.00 annually). (Paid).
A. W. Stockett, Bee Ridge (interest on \$100.00 Liberty Bond annually).
D. F. Gorman, Mt. Dora (interest on \$100.00 Great Northern R. R. Bond, annually).
J. O. Eckers, Lakeland, Fla. (\$100.00 Non-acid Fert. & Chemical Co. Bond).
Perry Dover, Keota, Oklahoma (one lot in Keota, Oklahoma).
Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Bedell (deceased), Lake Helen, Fla. (one lot in Jacksonville).
Rev. Chas. H. Martin, De Soto County (household goods).



The Greatest Service in All the World

is to take a homeless—motherless—
fatherless—helpless child—and give it
a good home—the love of good
parents—education—training—and a
chance to be useful.



Take a Child In That Needs Your Care

*Take in a child that needs your care,
Give him your love and let him share
Your happiness and you will own
More joy than you have ever known,
And what is more, you'll come to feel
That you are doing something real.*

—Edgar Guest.

We plead at this time especially for
good homes for boys and girls between
six and fourteen years of age—particu-
larly for homes for pairs of boys—
pairs of girls—for we dread to think
of their separation.

Haven't you Room at your good Home

for one or two of these Homeless Children?





Think it over—Talk it over

Then write to

MARCUS C. FAGG, OUR STATE SUPERINTENDENT
428 ST. JAMES BUILDING, JACKSONVILLE

He will gladly give you full particulars



Inspired by
FAITH
Prosecuted with
LOVE
Justified by
RESULTS

The
CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY
OF FLORIDA

"Florida's Greatest Charity"



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



3 1262 09712 9323

FLARE

PAMPHLET BINDERS

This is No. 1528

FLARE



31262097129323